



FINGERS CROSSED . . . Katherine Sinfield is gearing up for one of the biggest days of her life as she awaits the arrival of her bone marrow donation ahead of her transplant.

Bone marrow donation set for Katherine

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THIS week somewhere in Germany, somebody will be paying a visit to their local hospital.

This 'somebody' is the mystery donor who will hopefully help clear Burton teacher Katherine Sinfield of her leukaemia.

The 33-year-old, married to editor Stephen, who has been the centrepiece of the News Telegraph's Take Five Minutes campaign, said: "It's remarkable that a complete stranger will be taking time away from their jobs today to donate their stem cells for me. As the process is kept extremely confidential, all I know is that the donor is from Germany.

"Since I have been diagnosed with leukaemia, I have heard of lots of people who have had successful bone marrow transplants from German donors. Words will always fail to thank my donor for their 'gift of life', but at the same time, it raises the question as to why so many donors come from abroad? "It must boil down to the fact that

German people are far more willing to sign up to the register, which shows greater awareness and education is needed in the UK.

"Personally, I feel that the term 'bone marrow transplant' is partly responsible for a low participation rate in the UK. Everyone assumes that because they hear the word 'transplant', that it involves an operation – it doesn't, neither for me or the donor.

"Whether you sign up with the NHS British Bone Marrow Registry or a charity such as Anthony Nolan, signing up is just a case of giving a small blood sample or spitting in a tube."

Statistics show that every 20 minutes, someone in the UK falls ill with a form of blood cancer. The Anthony Nolan charity found 937 matches for patients in 2009-10 – but for every life the charity managed to save, there was another who wasn't so lucky because of a lack of donors. Katherine said: "The Anthony Nolan charity are responsible for finding my match and so I am eternally grateful to both them and the haematology team at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham."

Keep up to date with Katherine by reading her diary online at:
ashbournenewstelegraph.co.uk

Police boss calls for an increase in gun licensing to cover costs

THE county's police and crime commissioner has joined calls for the Government to increase the cost of gun licensing fees, which he believes will force applicants to cover the full cost of processing them.

Commissioner Alan Charles said current gun license application fees did not cover the administration costs of processing them.

This means that police forces had to heavily subsidise them – money which could be better spent on additional police officers.

He described the system as 'hypocritical' and likened it to a situation of using the public purse to pay for monthly gym

memberships.

He said: "In these difficult times where we are cutting police officer posts and losing valuable resources it is absolutely hypocritical to be channelling hundreds of thousands of pounds into firearms licensing administration in the name of sport.

"On the one hand, we are continually telling the public that we are committed to spending their money wisely and protecting the frontline, only to be asking them on the other to financially sustain the leisure interests of a minority of residents."

Surely there needs to be a fairer system where applicants are made responsible for all of the processing costs."

CCTV images of man wanted in connection with shoplifting

POLICE have released CCTV images of a man they want to speak to in connection with shoplifting incidents in Ashbourne and the surrounding area.

Officers in Ashbourne, Bolsover, Tibshelf, Shirebrook, Brimington and Derby are investigating similar incidents involving what is thought to be the same man.

The most recent incident took place at the Co-op in Shaw Croft at around 2.40pm on Thursday, October 17. Several deodorant sprays and beer were taken.

At around 8pm on Monday, October 14 a similar man entered the Co-op store on Castle Way in Willington. Beer and coffee was stolen.

Also on Monday, October 14, a number of toiletries and medicines were reported stolen from the Co-op store on Victoria Street, Shirebrook, from the Co-op store on Town End, Bolsover and from the Co-op store on High Street, Tibshelf.

Anyone with information is asked to call 101.



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